Danville. June 16th 1849

Dear Brother.

I received your letter in due time. I recd also a letter from father a few days before I got yours, & answered his immediately. I dont know that I have now any thing of interest to write you. I am glad to hear that you are well, & doing well. You are afraid that you will raise nothing this year on account of the cold weather. You'd better come down here. We have now all kinds of vegetables, peas, beans, lettuce, raspberries, &c. The ~~1st~~ 21st day of May I picked two quarts of Strawberries in the farmer's garden where I board. I live here like a pig in the clover. I have not got a "ride" yet, & probably shall not at present. I am glad that you have got a good one, & are satisfied with her. If I could get as good a one any where, I believe I should take it if I could. To-day is Saturday, & I am at leisure. I teach only five days for a week, or 20 days for a month. I have two new scholars, making my number 19. I board about one mile & a half from Danville. Your letter is out there, so that I dont know as I will recollect to answer it in all points. My school ½ a mile from town.

you want I should make you a visit this summer. I dont think I shall be able, my school will not close till the 1st of September. I have taught here 9 weeks, & I suppose I am entitled to 90 dollars. When I was in Bowling Green, I made no more than my expenses. You see I was there 12 weeks doing nothing except writing letters &c to see if I could not find a better situation, & during this time I was paying 3 dollars per week for board. I also bought some clothes, so that when I commenced school there I was some in debt. I paid my debts & got out of the place as quick as possible. Bowling Green is the hell of this world. They owe me there 25 or 30 dollars, & I am in hopes that I may get a part or all of it. I left my accounts in the hands of a young lawyer there. I suppose my expenses here till next September will be about 30 dollars, so that I will have then at least 170 dollars. I have made these statements so that you may see just what my prospects are. You wish me to help you to some money. You may have all that I make if it is enough to do you any good. You talk of buying some land of Prichard, & think it is a "busting" good chance. Now, it does not suit my fancy quite so well. If you wish to get rich, if you wish to buy 200 acres of land, & then consign yourself & family

to a life of complete servitude. It will take you 2 or 3 years to pay for this land, & this is the best part of your life. But when you have paid for it you will be no more contented. You talk to me of being discontented, are you contented or will you be when you have a large farm? I have no objections to a persons striving after means for obtaining the necessaries & happiness of life. Who ever found happiness in riches? But I have objections to one of my own blood binding himself for life in servitude & trouble. You have with little labor sufficient property to make yourself & yours comfortable in life. If I were to advise you I would say, get a small farm of about 100 or 150 acres, not more, & enjoy the comforts of this world. Father has striven for "filthy lucre" for nearly or quite 70 years, & he cannot say that he ever derived one tenth happiness from his property. It has been a continual source of trouble & vexation to him. If I am pressed, I shall stay here another year before I think of going to it. Do you keep that big bay horse yet? I want you to keep him till I get to it, & then I will have a driving him again. I received those documents from Virginius Island. I am in health & enjoying life in the best manner. Give my love to all, & write as soon as you receive & give the news.

Your affectionate brother

Steve

Louisville Ky
June 6th

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